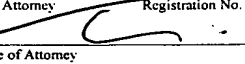


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In the Application of :
Stephen Paul Zimmerman, et al. : Conf. No. 2167
Serial No.: 09/851,040 : Group Art Unit: 1761
Filed: May 8, 2001 : Examiner: S.J. Castellano
Title: SNACK PIECE DESIGN HAVING INCREASED PACKED DENSITY

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

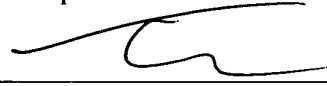
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2002 in the above-identified patent application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicants hereby traverse the Restriction Requirement made by the Examiner and provisionally elect Claims 1-23 and 28-29, drawn to snack pieces with a volumetric bulk density, classified in class 426, subclass 106.

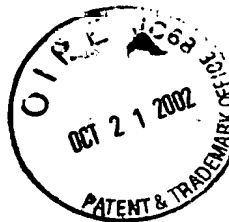
Applicants reserve the right to file a petition from requirement for restriction pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.144.

Respectfully submitted,
For: Stephen Paul Zimmerman, et al.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Zimmerman, et al. Confirmation No. 2167

Serial No.: 09/851,040 Group Art Unit: 1761

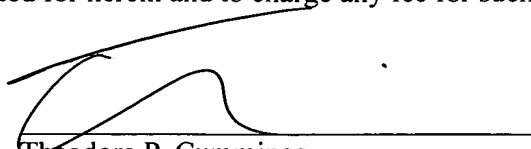
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1. ☒ No additional fee is known to be required.
2. ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	*	MINUS	***	=	x \$18 =	\$
INDEP.	*	MINUS	***	=	x \$84 =	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$280 =	\$
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3. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$ for a -month extension of time.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
 - a. ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.16.
 - b. ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
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